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Duane Wise
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P.O. Box 51
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Re: Notice of Tentative Approval, Large Mining Operation Permit Amendment, Ash Grove Cement Company, County Canyon Mine, M/023/024, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wise:

The Division has completed its review of Ash Grove Cement Company's latest informational response for its proposed amendment to the existing large mining permit (received November 28, 1997) for the County Canyon mine, located in Juab County, Utah. In addition, Division staff discussed several minor clarifications to the seed mix and current land use with you over the phone on January 16, 1998. After reviewing the latest information, we now find the application to be technically complete and tentative approval of the permit amendment is hereby granted. You will need to provide the new \$95,000 surety amount and update the Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC) before we can present the revised amount of reclamation surety to the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining for their approval.

It is our understanding that you will be looking to amend your existing surety bond with a rider to increase the reclamation surety amount to the required \$95,000. If you wish to change your form of surety, please inform us immediately so that we can send you the appropriate surety forms. Because this is a permit amendment, a 30-day public comment period is not required before the Division grants final approval of your proposal. If possible, we would like to take this matter before the Board at its February 25, 1998 hearing. We will need to have all your revised paperwork in place no later than February 6th in order to make the February hearing schedule.

If you have any questions regarding this process please feel free to call me at (801) 538-5286, Tom Munson at 538-5321, or Joelle Burns at 538-5291. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Reclamation Program